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"THE FATEFUL
FINALE!"

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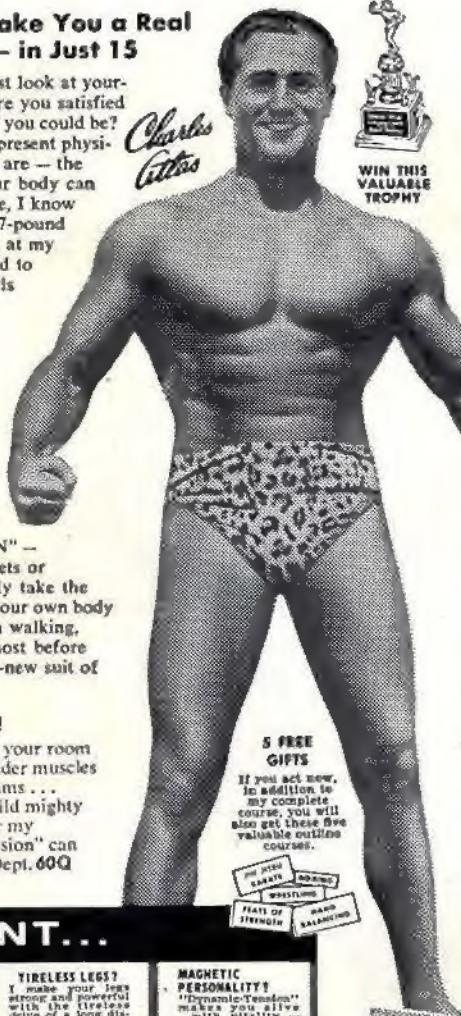
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TALK ABOUT YOUR SNEAKY SYNOPSIS! (SHEESH!)

... WHILE THE REMAINING THREE X-MEN ARE TRAPPED BEHIND THE IRON CURTAIN -- ALONG WITH THE UNCONSCIOUS BLOB! (W.W.Y.? READ ON, MAC-DUFF.)

HAN! ONE GROUP OF X-MEN HAS BEEN CAPTURED -- AND THE OTHER IS ON THE VERGE OF TOTAL DEFEAT!

BEFORE LONG, MY PLAN SHALL SUCCEED -- WITH THEIR UNWITTING HELP!

STAN LEE
ENTHUSIASTICALLY ENDORSES THIS
ROY THOMAS-DON HECK
EXCITEMENT-LADEN EPIC!

(WE'RE NOT SURE JUST WHAT
VINCE COLLETTA, INKER,
AND ARTIE SIMEK, LETTERER,
THINK OF IT, THOUGH!)

AND NOW, WITH THE MALEVOLENT MUTANT-MASTER'S CRYPTIC STATEMENT HANGING IN THE AIR, WHAT SAY WE TOSS A COIN TO SEE WHICH OF OUR MISTREATED MUTANTS WE VISIT FIRST...

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AND, IT LOOKS AS IF THE CYKE-ICEMAN TEAM WON!
(HOW, THEY SHOULD ONLY DO SO WELL ON THEIR ALL-IMPORTANT MISSION!)

THOSE STRAFING PLANES
ARE GETTIN' OUR RANGE,
SCOTTY!

SET UP AN ICY
WALL OVER US,
BOBBY--QUICK!

MUM! I'LL DO
IT--BUT, IF YOU
THINK THAT'LL
STOP HIGH-
CALIBRE
BULLETS--!

WHO SAID WE HAVE TO STOP
THEM? WE JUST NEED A
MOMENTARY BREATHNER!

NOW I GET
IT! THE SUN'S
GLARE ON
THE ICE MAKES
THEIR SHOTS
GO WILD!

AND LOOK!
THERE'S THE
BUILDING
WE WERE
HEADING FOR--
STRAIGHT AHEAD!

MOMENTS LATER, INSIDE THE NEARBY
STRUCTURE...

WHAT IN--?
I'M FROZEN SOLID--
GUN AND ALL--CLEAR
UP TO MY NECK!

TAKE IT
FROM ME,
SOLDIER--IT'S
ALL FOR
YOUR OWN
GOOD!

JUST BE
GLAD CYKE
DIDN'T USE
HIS OPTIC
BLASTS
ON YOU,
INSTEAD!

THEN, TWO FRESH-FROZEN SENTRYES LATER...

YOU'LL NEVER
GET AWAY
WITH THIS--!

YOU'D BETTER HOPE
WE DO, MISTER--FOR
THE SAKE OF THE
WORLD!

THERE'S NO TIME
TO WASTE ON
EXPLANATIONS,
ICEMAN!

THAT MUST BE WHAT
WE'RE LOOKING FOR--
UP THERE!

NO NEED TO WASTE ANOTHER SYLLABLE,
LEADER-MAN! I'LL GIVE IT THE ONGE
OVER WITH A THICK LAYER OF ICE!

DON'T BE OVER-
CONFIDENT,
LAD!

THAT'LL STOP FACTOR
THREE'S PLAN TO TAKE
OVER THIS BASE BY
PUMPING GAS THRU
ITS FILTRATION
SYSTEM!

FACTOR THREE
PLANNED TO FIRE
ALL THE MISSILES
ON THIS BASE AT
EASTERN EUROPE--
STARTING WORLD
WAR III! *

THEY MUST HAVE
AGENTS HIDDEN
NEARBY--READY
TO STEP IN!

*AS AMAZINGLY
UNVEILED LAST ISN!
--SERIALIZING STAN.

MAYBE SO,
BUT THEY'LL
NEVER MAKE
IT IN HERE!

BY NOW, THEY'VE
PROBABLY
HIGHTAILED IT
BACK TO THE
MUTANT-
MASTER!





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OTHER X-MEN TEAM...



IF ONLY THESE
ANTIQUATED DOORS
WEREN'T SO THICK,
I MIGHT BE ABLE
TO--

JEANIE--THAT LOOK
IN YOUR EYES! DOES
IT MEAN WHAT I
SUSPECT?

IF YOU'RE
THINKING THAT
I'VE RESTED
ENOUGH TO
USE MY
TELEKINETIC
POWERS--
YES!



THE NEXT SECOND, AN ASTOUNDED SENTRY IS SUDDENLY LIFTED FROM HIS CHAIR, AND--



AS ELSEWHERE IN THE MEDIEVAL CHATEAU, A GROUP OF EASTERN MILITARY LEADERS CONFER--UNAWARE THAT A BOMB HAS BEEN PLACED IN THEIR MIDST...

I SAY, WE MUST DECLARE WAR ON THE UNITED STATES!

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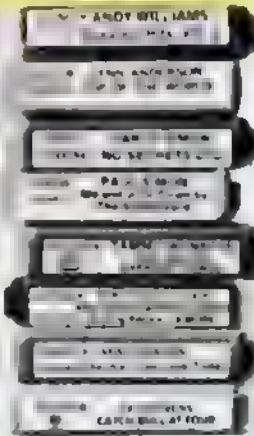
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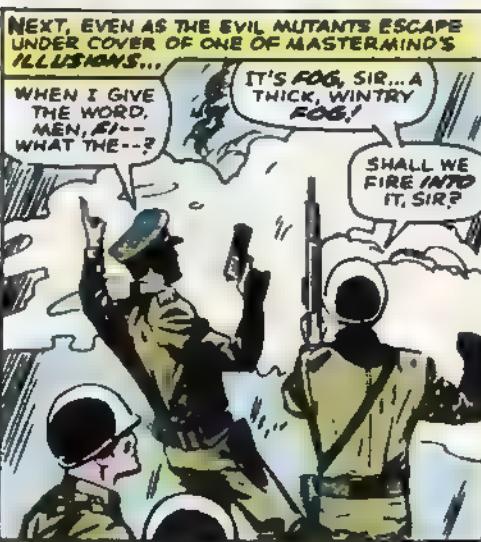
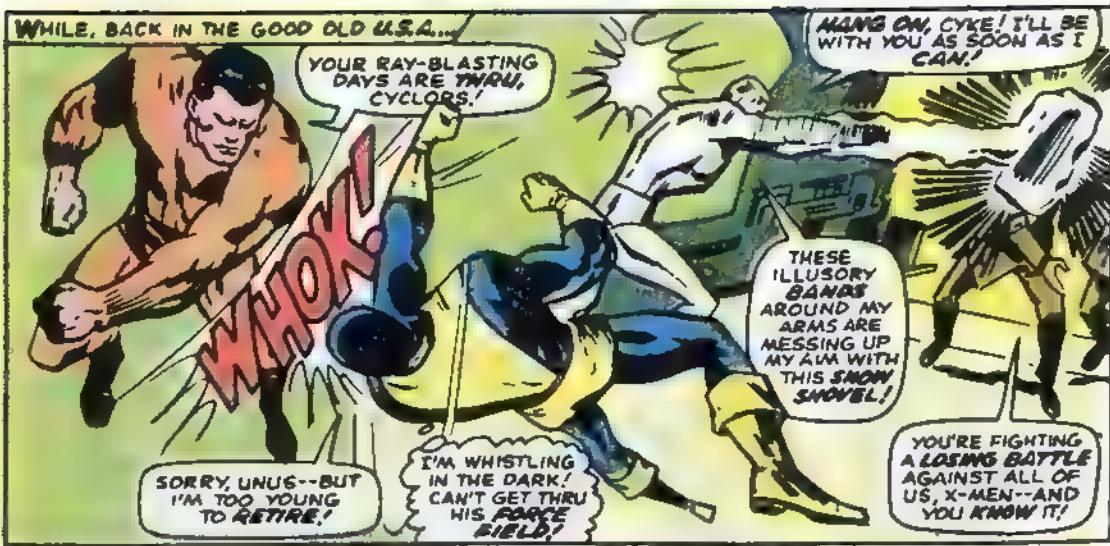
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WE MADE IT, CYKE! LUCKILY, THEY DIDN'T GUARD OUR SAUCER HEAVILY!

AND WE ACCOMPLISHED OUR MISSION, BOBBY-- BY FOULING UP THEIR AIR FILTERS!

NOW, NO SPECIAL GAS WILL ENABLE FACTOR THREE TO TAKE OVER THAT BASE FOR THEIR OWN PURPOSES!

BUT, WHAT ABOUT OUR OTHER TITANIC X-MEN TEAM-- SOMEWHERE DEEP IN EASTERN EUROPE...?

HOLD IT, BLOB! THAT'S A DEADLY EXPLOSIVE YOU'RE MANHANDLING!

THAT'S YOUR WORRY, MONKEYFACE-- NOT MINE!

HE'S RIGHT, JEANIE! AND, THAT MINIATURE BLAST IS JUST LIABE TO TRIGGER A NUCLEAR HOLE-

CAVITY!

CAN'T WRENCH IT FREE FROM HIS GRIP! I'LL HAVE TO TRY SOME- THING ELSE!

BLOB-- LISTEN TO ME!!

TALK AGAIN, GIRLIE! I COULD LISTEN TO YOU ALL DAY!

ALL RIGHT--THEN HEAR ME OUT!

DO YOU REALLY THINK THE MUTANT-MASTER WOULD TAKE A CHANCE ON YOUR CAPTURE--AND ON OTHERS LEARNING OF HIS PLAN?

WE MUST HAVE MADE THAT TIME BOMB STRONG ENOUGH TO DESTROY EVEN YOU!

YOU LIE! HE'S OUR MASTER--OUR LEADER!

STILL, YOU GOT A HOLE THERE! NO USE IN TAKIN' ANY CHANCES!

I'LL JUST WATCH THE FIREWORKS FROM A SAFE DISTANCE!

CRASH!
AFTER ALL, IT'S SET TO BLOW IN JUST A COUPLE MORE SECONDS!

HE'S GONE--BUT HE LEFT THE SATCHEL!

AND--LOOK! IT'S STARTING TO VIBRATE--VIOLENTLY!!

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LEADER-MAN, IF THERE'S ONE PERSON IN THIS COMBO WHO DOESN'T HAVE TO REMEMBER TO KEEP COOL--IT'S ME!

WHAT'S WRONG? YOU FIGURE THE MUTANT-MASTER KNOWS WE'RE HERE?

THAT'S A PRETTY SAFE BET, LAD!

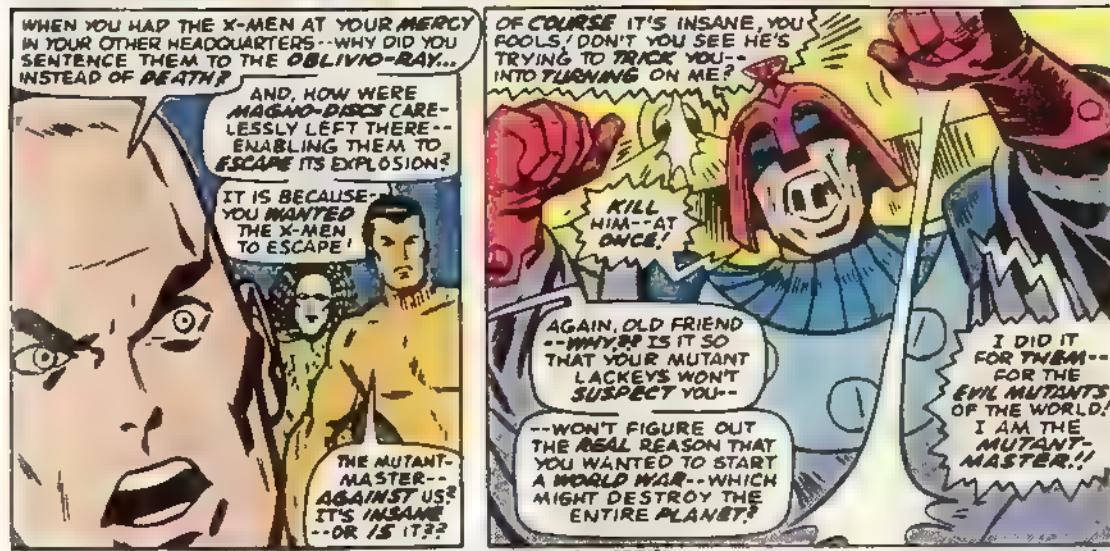
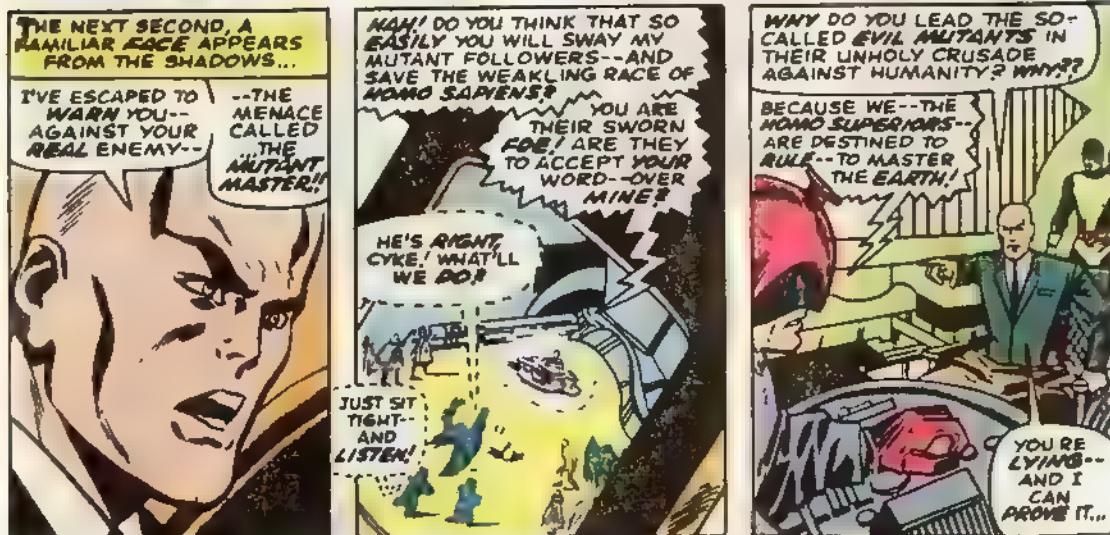
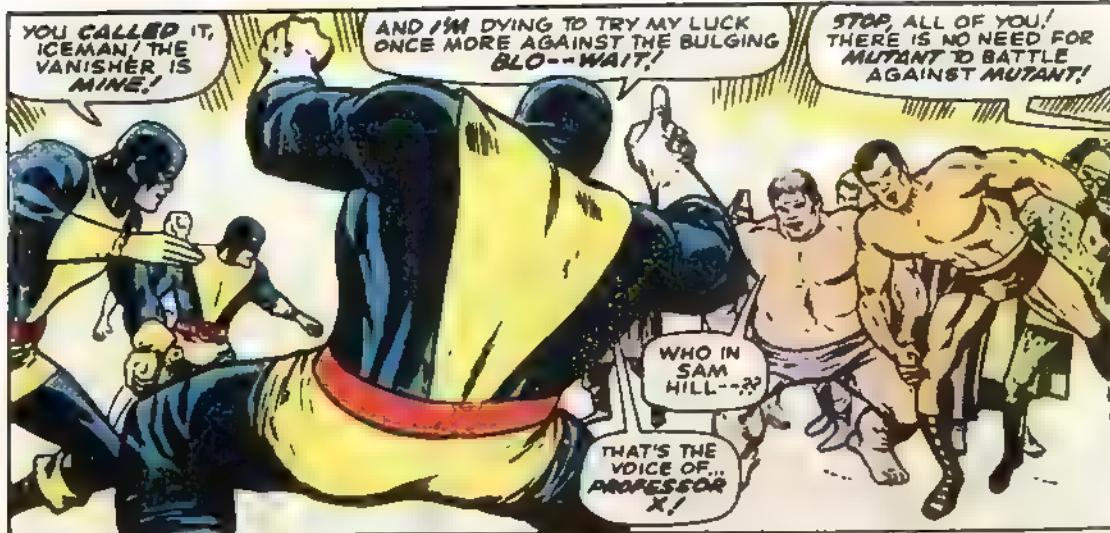
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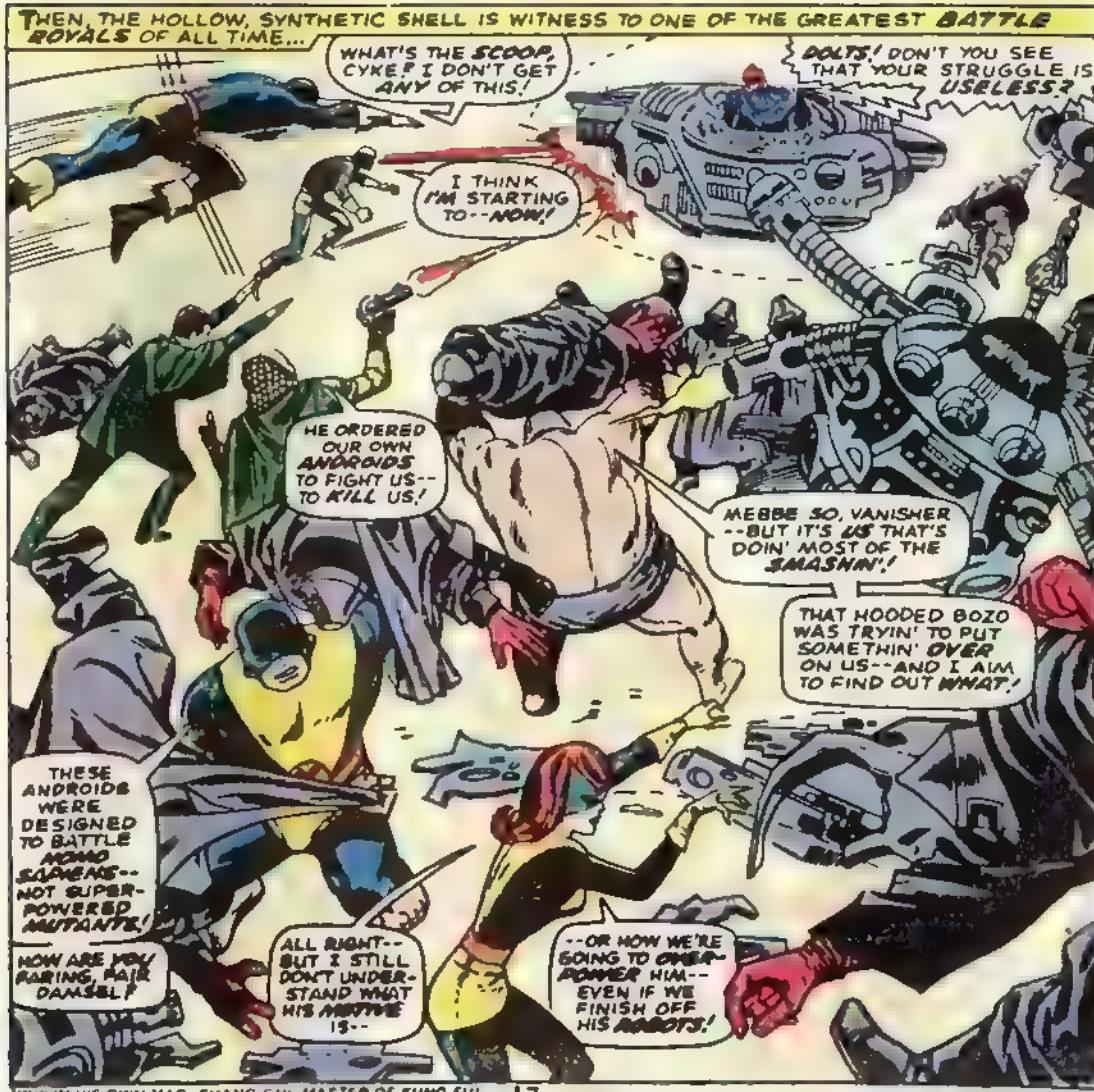
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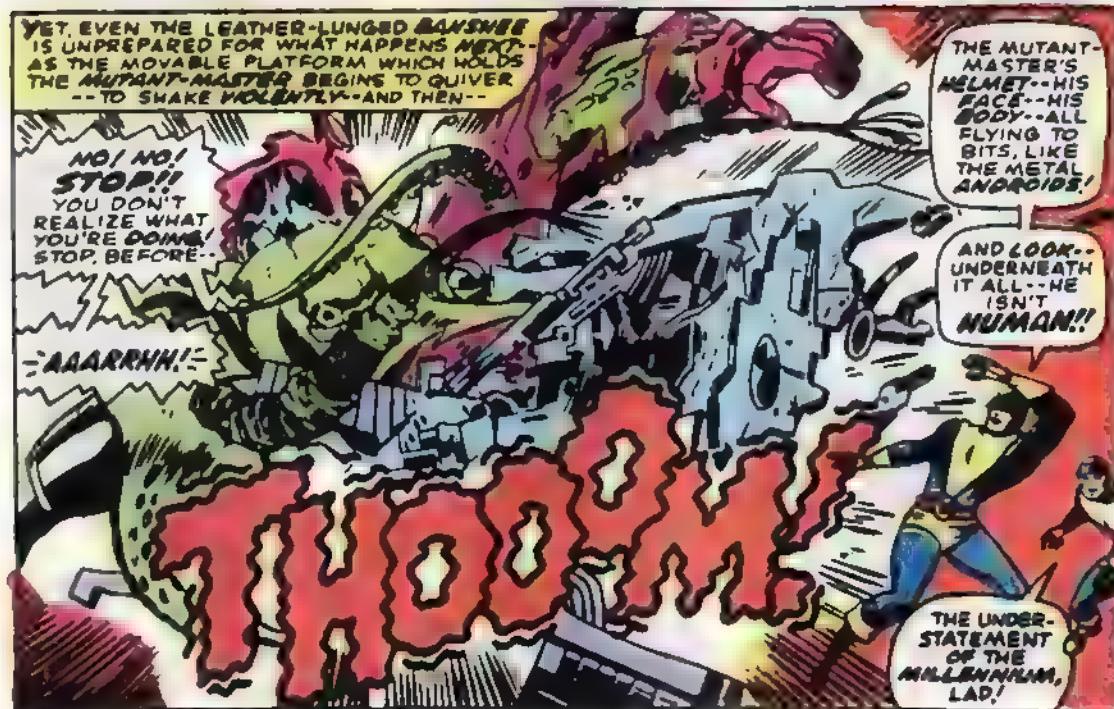
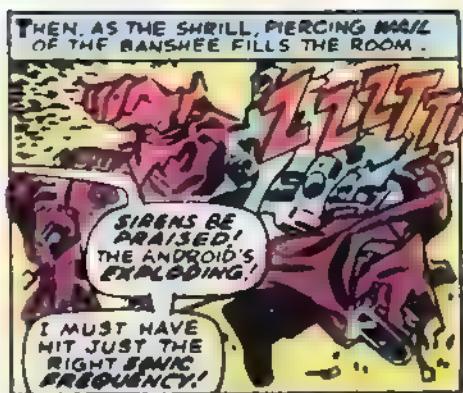


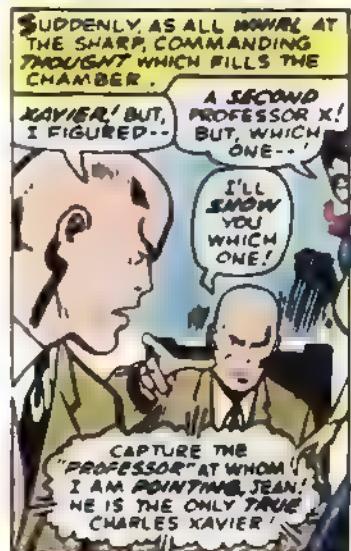
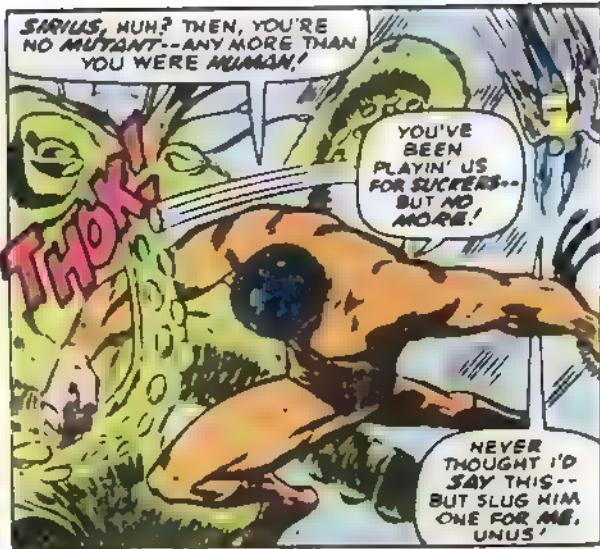
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STAN LEE'S SOAPBOX

Well, here it is — the start of a brand new year for all of us! It's the perfect time to clue you in on some of the fabulous, far-out projects in store for you from mighty Marvel, where wonders never cease — and where the future has never looked more exciting!

We don't have to tell you what a smash sensation our Spider-Man medallion coins have been — you're probably wearing one right now! But that's only the beginning! Every other product manufacturer seems to be discovering Marvel at the same time. So, in the coming year you'll be seeing more of our swingin' superhero gizmos than you can shake a spider-web at! But, that's just for starters — !

Even as I pen yon momentous monograph, Marvel's vast, worldwide network of legal experts (okay, so it's one over worked lawyer with a scratchy pen) is in the process of signing a contract with one of America's largest and most famous book-publishing companies to do a series of hard cover books about — you guessed it — your favorite Marvel masterworks! We'll tell you more in coming issues, and we hoodwink thee not — it'll herald a whole new world of reading excitement for all Marveldom Assembled — even for the few heretics who still may be at large!

Naturally, FOOM is still growing by leaps and bounds. Your batty Bullpen has just scheduled a special meeting to vote on all the new goodies and surprises in store for the Friends Of Ol' Marvel, may their luster never dim! And of course one of our zingiest new sensations is the Value Stamp project we've just begun — which Rascally Roy will discuss with you in living color — if I ever leave him enough space!

Since no mere mortal can bear too much mind staggering munificence, I'll merely hint at some other dynamite developments to come. Wouldja believe a full length feature film about some of our cataclysmic characters? And how about the two top TV producers who are making us an offer we can hardly refuse? And, we've gotta admit we're still sneakily working on plans for new, earth-shaking characters and concepts in our ever-growing line of Marvel comics and mags. So watch your newsstand, watch these pages, and watch out for enemy agents! We mustn't let a word of this reach the competition!

Excelsior!

ITEM! Sheesh! It's January again — and it seems like only yesterday that the whole batty Bullpen were sild-lang synching each other at New Year's parties all over Manhattan, the Bronx, and Staten Island too. Anyhow, just for the heck of it, we thought you might wanna see some of the New Year's Resolutions dreamed up by our nutty artists and writers for 1974. So here goes — !

Merry GERRY CONWAY resolves he'll take the time to memorize the agreement of all Asgardian pronouns and verbs. (He's got no choice!) Rascally Roy stamped 'em all over Mr. C's forehead!

Macabre MIKE PLOOG vows to make his new project, the Man Thing, as horribly hairy and heilishly heinous as his Werewolf, Ghost Rider, and Frankenstein Monster put together.

RICH (Swash) BUCKLER pledges to make the Fantastic Four even more popular than it already is. (And you know something? The lad just might make it!)

Jazzy JOHNNY ROMITA swears he'll sneak away from his post as art director long enough to actually draw a Spider-Man saga or two, just for old times' sake.

STEVE (Baby) GERBER and Battlin' BOB BROWN jointly avow that they will both figure out every one of the gimmicks in Daredevil's buly-club before 1975 rolls around — they hope!

Big JOHN BUSCEMA promises to remember that a right-handed Barbarian wears his sword on his left side, not on his right.

Sibling SAL B. claims he'll get a new compass to help him draw those difficult, painstaking stripes on Captain America's shield.

Marvelous MARY WOLFGANG and Gentleman GENE COLAN affirm that they'll invent at least three unique and previously untried ways for Count Dracula to die! (Lotsa luck, fellas!)

Rascally ROY THOMAS declares that this year Conan will definitely go thru one whole issue without once referring to his Cimmerian god Crom. Or, if not this year, then maybe the next — !

And Smilin' STAN LEE, our publishing potentate, swears that this'll be positively the last year he lets his ever-lovin' editor make up New Year's Resolutions for the whole blamed Bullpen!

But now, onward — !

ITEM! We need a breather, people — honest! So many of you have been sending in for your full-fledged FOOM kits and all the other Marvel type merchandise we've been offering you, that we've got to discontinue our ads for 'em for the next few weeks, just long enough to get caught up on all the mountains of mail that're piling up! That's just by way of letting you know that, if you're one of the few Marvelites who haven't yet signed up for membership in our

FOOM fan club, you'll get your chance an' ish or two from now. A word to the wise . . .

ITEM! And now, in closing, here's our mirthful message in SPIDER MAN CODE for the merry month of January — to warm the cockles of your heart with news of a Marvel longtime wh'll be getting his very own series in the months to come. Like so:

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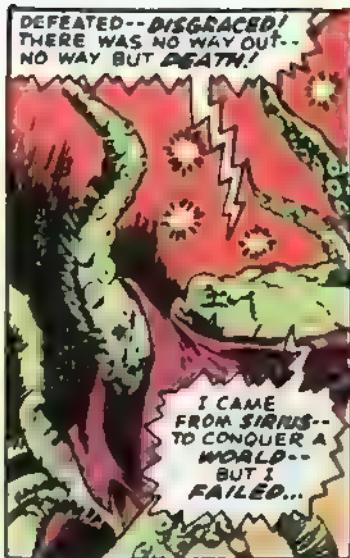
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THOSE ALIEN SAUCERS MAY HAVE JUST HAD ENOUGH JUICE FOR ONE LAST TRIP--BUT AT LEAST WE MADE IT HOME!

NOW TO RELAX, AND--JEAN! WHAT'S WRONG--?

THAT'S MEN FOR YOU! A GIRL GETS EXCITED AND THEY THINK SOMETHING HAS TO BE WRONG!

I JUST REMEMBERED SOMETHING SOME-THING GREAT!

JUST BEFORE THE EPISODE WITH THE JUGGERNAUT, I HAD BEEN HARD AT WORK ON A PET PROJECT OF MINE--WITH THE PROFESSOR'S PERMISSION!

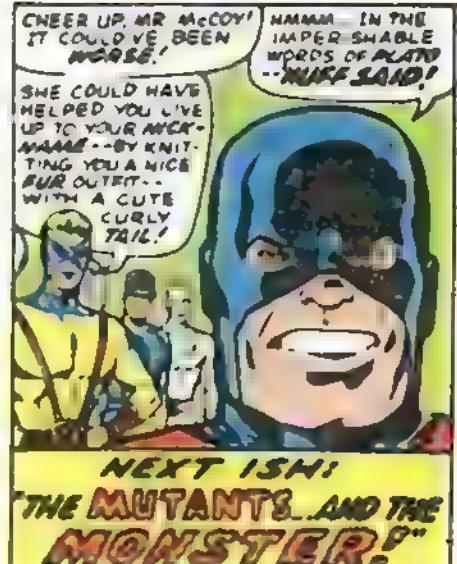
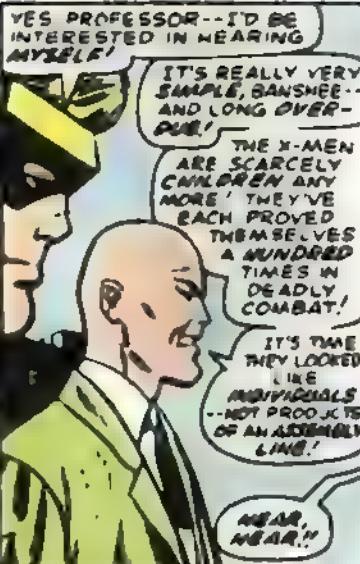
HERE'S A PACKAGE FOR EACH OF YOU. IN IT YOU'LL FIND--A NEW COSTUME!

OH NO! NOT THE SAME OLD ONES--WITH A LITTLE NEW TRIMMING!

WHAT DO YOU DO THIS TIME, JEANIE--GIVE US BLUE BELTS?

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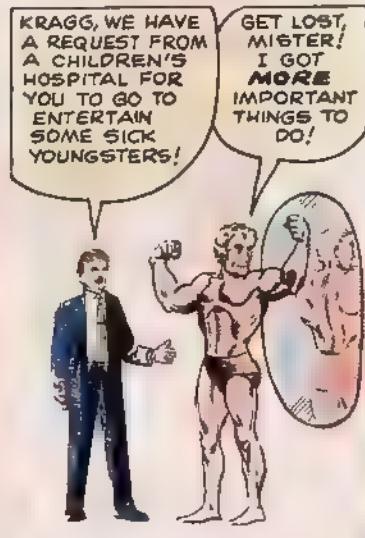
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PRESENTING—ANOTHER BOMBASTICALLY BUCOLIC BULLPEN BONUS PAGE!

VALUE, VALUE—WHO'S GOT THE VALUE?

Last time around, we first introduced our mighty MARVEL VALUE STAMPS to a breathlessly waiting world.

Now this month, it's finally time to explain the furshlugginer things!

What it is: We're now including one of these colorful MVS goodies in virtually every one of our multitudinous mags that has a *letters page*. There'll be an even **hundred** of them in Series "A," which covers calendar year 1974, starting with #1 (your friendly neighborhood Spider-Man, who else?) and winding up with #100, which sports a dynamic likeness of none other than—well, we'll let you guess till next time just whose mug will replace that mystery-shrouded question mark when the coveted #100 Stamp finally appears!

All we can tell you about it right now is that, although some of our Stamps will appear much more often than others, MVS #100 will be absolutely, positively the rarest one of 'em all, popping up in only one Marvel title during the whole blamed year!

(No, no, Suspicious One—it won't be sneaked into one of our western re-runs or any of our rhapsodic reprints, but will be featured prominently in one of our awesome *all-original* epics over the next few months. If you miss it, or one of the others which you need to complete your collection—you can always do a bit of swapping and trading with your fellow

Marvel madmen who might have been luckier, right?)

And now the \$64,000 question: Once you've got all 100 Stamps, what do you do with them? We call 'em MARVEL VALUE STAMPS, after all—so where's the value?

Well, part of the future value of the whole collection is obvious. For instance, in the next month or three, we'll be offering you an *MVS Stamp Album* virtually at cost, so that you can paste in all of them and have a complete set—which is bound to become a real collector's item in the years to come. (After all, didja know that *FANTASTIC FOUR* #1 is now selling for up to \$50 in many back-issue comic-book stores across the nation, and that *SPIDEY* #1 isn't far behind?)



But, that's only a *long-range* forecast. For those of you who'd like to see some benefits *before* you grow a long white beard, we can't say any more just now—but we solemnly promise that, even as these words are written, we're already in the process of lining up some *immediate* rewards you can reap when you've amassed a complete set. So, you'll not only have the frolic and fun of collecting the full 100 MVS mini-masterpieces, but—at least for many of you—it'll mean money in your pocket, to boot!

How's that for a grabber?

We also pledge a *fuller* explanation of this all-important point over the next few issues—verily, we swear and affirm it by the mile-long Adam's-apple of Reed Richards!

So keep on clippin' and collectin', pilgrim!

By the time summer rolls around, virtually all 100 MARVEL VALUE STAMPS will have appeared in our *lettin'* letters pages, or in some other designated spot—

—And that's when the fun *really* begins!

P.S.: Special thanks to Jazzy Johnny Romita, Mirthful Marie Severin, and Titanic Tony Mortellaro for digging up the spiffiest bunch of superhero drawings since George Washington first said "Cheese!"

FROM THE VALLEY OF THE (HO! HO! HO!) MARVEL GIANTS!

It's true! It's true! Our new mammoth-sized 75¢ mags are taking the world by storm! And no wonder! For one thing, last time we looked, they sported a full *eight* pages more than most of our major competitors' titles; for another, they feature a panorama of fear-filled photos from the greatest monster movies of all time. All this, plus art and story by some of the Bullpen's spookiest ghost-writers!

In fact, these mags are such a labor of love to produce that, in order to pore over each issue the way we really want to, we had to knock 'em all down to mere quarterly schedules for a while. But now, they're all *bimonthly* again!

That's right—as of now, you can pick up *DRACULA LIVES*, *MONSTERS UNLEASHED*, *VAMPIRE TALES*, and *TALES OF THE ZOMBIE* six times a year at your local nefarious newsstand. And *CRAZY*—the 40¢ humor-mag that dared to be dumb—will be on sale *seven* times a year, just to confuse and confound you!

What's more, in a couple of months we plan to launch two more jumbo-sized spectacles—and, though they're on the top-secret list right now, we frankly think the very *names* of our two upcoming masterworks will knock you right out of your haunted castle!

Now, on to a pair of pulsating news-bits:

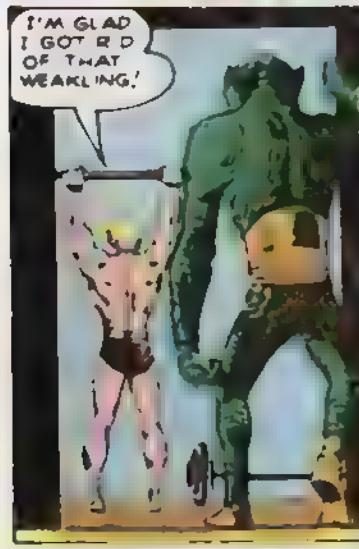
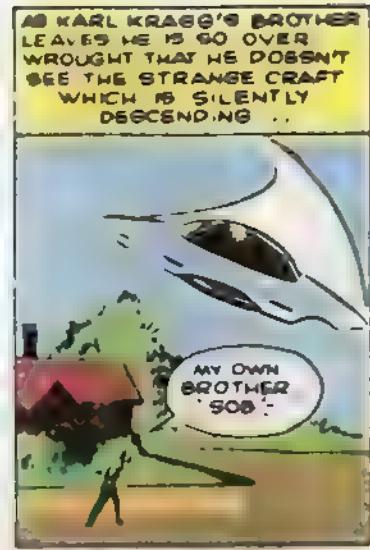


ITEM! The Crazy Crew tunes in "High Plains Drifter," "Last Tango in Paris," and "Soylent Green"—and tunes out "The Waltons"! Plus—"In Search of Ancient Auto-Nuts" and "The Rock'n'Rollin' Stone"! *CRAZY* #3—on sale Jan. 3!

ITEM! They're coming! The Snow Vampires! And they're not alone—for Satana, the Devil's Daughter, and Morbius the Living Vampire are right behind 'em! All this and more, in *VAMPIRE TALES* #4, on sale Jan. 29!



HAPPY NEW YEAR, HAUNTOFILE!



AND THEN, KARL KRAGG ATTENDS TO ONE FINAL MATTER...

I'M TAKIN' A TRIP, SEE? AND WHEN I COME BACK, IF YOU'RE STILL HANGIN' AROUND MY GAL, I'LL BEAT YOU TO A PULP!

DIG?

IN FACT, I'LL MOP UP THE PLACE WITH HIM EVEN IF HE STOPS SEEIN' HER -- JUST SO'S I KEEP IN PRACTICE! HEH HEH!

JOE, I'M SCARED!

DON'T BE, HONEY! GUYS LIKE HIM ALWAYS GET WHAT'S COMING TO THEM IN THE END!

LATER THAT DAY, A FANTASTIC FLYING DISC WHIRLS AWAY FROM PLANET EARTH, CARRYING WITH IT THE NEW COMPETITOR FOR THE TITLE OF -- MISTER UNIVERSE!

AND, ON A FAR DISTANT STAR, TWO WEEKS LATER, THE CONTEST HAS HARROWED DOWN TO THREE POWERFUL FINALISTS...

THEY'RE BOTH BIG AND STRONG, BUT THEY'RE TOO MUSCLE-BOUND!

I CAN BEAT 'EM EASY!

AND IT LOOKS AS TWO KARL KRAGG IS RIGHT!

URRR...

IS THIS WHAT HE WAS TRYIN' TO DO?

MAAAFFF...

GIMME THAT BAR, MISTER!

HAH! TRY THIS FOR SIZE!



FOOM IS STILL ALIVE AND WELL IN BEAUTIFUL DOWNTOWN BUDAPEST!

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AND FINALLY, THE CONTEST ENDS IN A SPECTACULAR DISPLAY OF BRUTE STRENGTH!

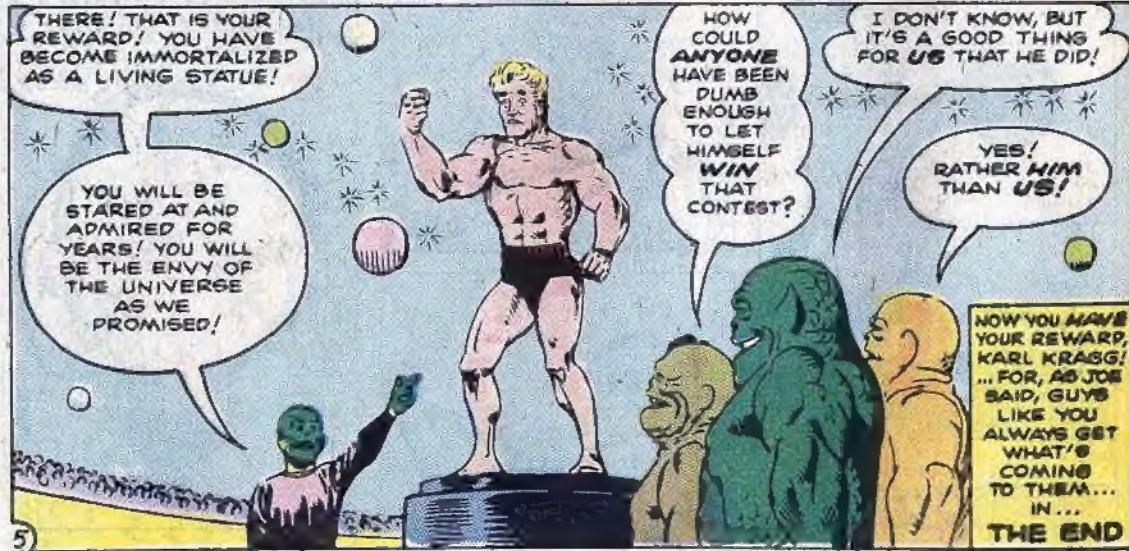
THIS LITTLE STUNTOUGHTA KNOCK THEIR EYES OUT!

THERE CAN BE NO DOUBT AS TO THE WINNER!

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WE PRESENT-- MISTER UNIVERSE!

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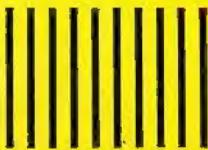
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